

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a display;

at least one cursor key for selecting an item;

a ring of keys encircling the at least one cursor key, the ring of keys includes

a common button functioning as both an activation button for activating a predetermined program and a determination button for determining the item selected from options appearing on the display while the predetermined program is activated;
and,

~~at least one cursor key for selecting the item, the cursor key is adjacent to the common button,~~

wherein the common button and the cursor key are provided near one end in an axial direction of a hinge pin between the display and a keyboard.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a pointing device configured to move a pointer appearing on the display in a desired direction, wherein the pointing device is adjacent to the common button.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the at least one cursor key includes a plurality of cursor keys arranged around a perimeter of the pointing device and the common button is arranged outside a perimeter of the plurality of cursor keys.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~further comprising: wherein the ring of keys includes~~ a switch button configured to switch a direction of the display, ~~wherein and~~ the switch ~~key~~ button is adjacent to the cursor key.

Claim 5 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

at least one auxiliary input key configured to input a first character when the predetermined program is not activated and to input a second character when the predetermined program is activated.

Claim 6 (New): The information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a mouse button set, including

a center button configured to scroll a screen appearing on the display;

a left button configured to operate as a first function button; and

a right button configured to operate as a second function button,

wherein the mouse button set is located near an opposite end from the common button and the cursor key in the axial direction of the hinge pin between the display and the keyboard.